

Waste Logistics Efficiency Checklist

This checklist is designed for facility managers and business owners who want to streamline their waste removal operations. It helps identify inefficiencies in current contracts and equipment maintenance to prevent unnecessary costs. Use this list before signing a new hauling agreement or when auditing your current provider.

Phase 1: Assessing Your Current Logistics

- Review your current waste removal contract to identify the specific dispatch location of your provider.
- Calculate the distance between your facility and the provider's nearest hub to estimate fuel surcharge risks.
- Check your dumpster fill levels for the past month to ensure you are not paying for hauling air.
- Confirm whether your current provider uses a hub-and-spoke model or operates as a broker.
- Analyze your pickup schedule to see if it aligns with your actual waste generation speed.

Phase 2: Vetting a Central Transport Provider

- Ask the provider explicitly if they own their central transport fleet or subcontract the work.
- Verify that the provider offers real-time GPS tracking for their vehicles.
- Request a demonstration of their client portal to ensure you can order swaps digitally.
- Confirm the provider has a contingency plan with backup trucks in case of breakdown.
- Inquire about their policy on digital weight tickets to ensure billing transparency.

Phase 3: Operational Maintenance & Safety

- Inspect hydraulic hoses on your equipment weekly for signs of wear or weeping fluid.
- Monitor tire pressure on any owned equipment daily to prevent blowouts and delays.
- Grease the compactor ram monthly to keep the loading mechanism operating smoothly.
- Ensure the area around the dumpster is clear of debris to prevent "unable to service" fees.
- Train staff not to overload the bin to avoid overweight rejection at the landfill scales.

Phase 4: Ongoing Optimization

- Schedule a quarterly review of your fuel surcharges against current regional diesel prices.
- Compare your route density with the provider to see if moving pickup days can lower costs.
- Audit your maintenance logs to ensure no "run-to-failure" habits are forming.
- Evaluate new technologies like fill-level sensors to potentially switch to on-demand pickups.